

The Rebellion of Ronald Reagan

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"An incisive illustration of the often underrated role a leader's personality plays in shaping world events." —Kirkus Review

Drawing on new interviews and previously unavailable documents, bestselling author James Mann offers a fresh and compelling narrative—a new history assessing what Ronald Reagan did and did not do to help bring America's four-decade conflict with the Soviet Union to a close.

As he did so masterfully in *Rise of the Vulcans*, Mann sheds new light on the hidden aspects of American foreign policy. He reveals previously undisclosed secret messages between Reagan and Moscow; internal White House intrigues; and battles with leading figures such as Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger. He details the background and fierce debate over Reagan's famous Berlin Wall speech and shows how it fit into Reagan's policies. Ultimately, Mann dispels the facile stereotypes of Reagan in favor of a level-headed, cogent understanding of a determined president and his strategy.

This book finally answers the troubling questions about Reagan's actual role in the crumbling of Soviet power. Mann concludes that by recognizing the significance of Gorbachev, Reagan helped bring the Cold War to a close.

James Mann is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Rise of the Vulcans: The History of Bush's War Cabinet* and *The China Fantasy: How Our Leaders Explain Away Chinese Repression*, among others. He is currently author-in-residence in the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

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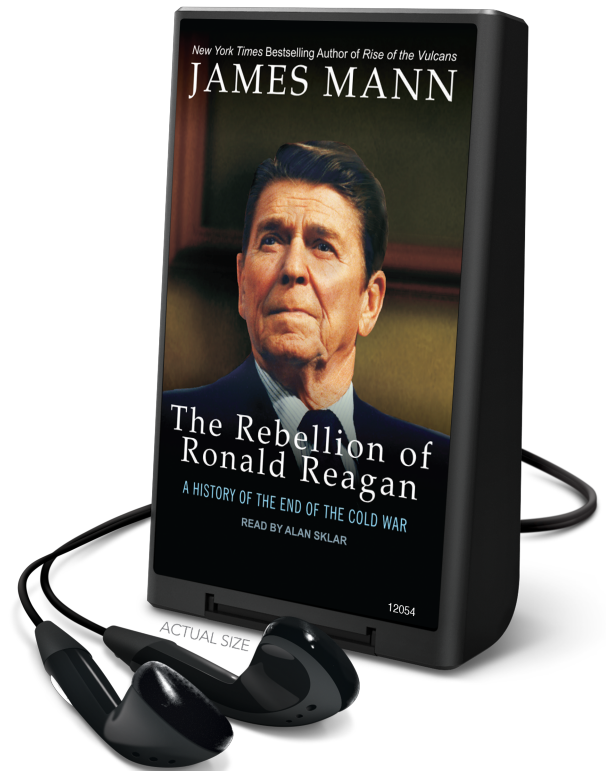
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